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PRESS RELEASE

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DATE/TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 9-27-2001 11:52 AM
NATURE OF CALL: SEARCH AND RESCUE
LOCATION OF CALL: LOCH LEVON LAKES TRAIL, CISCO GROVE
CASE NUMBER: SO 01 16705
SUSPECTS: N/A

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

At approximately 1152 Hours today the Placer County Sheriff's Department received a cellular phone call from a female subject who reported she was lost on the trail near Loch Levon Lakes, which is in the Rainbow area east of Cisco Grove.

Alberta Vandermik 67 of Charmichael told dispatchers she and her dog had taken a hike on the Loch Levon trail and had become disoriented and was now lost. Deputy Bert Houser responded to the area along with Sheriff's helicopter Eagle 1 crewed by Deputy Van Bogardus and Lt. Dave Harris.

After approximately one half hour of searching that was facilitated by continuous cell phone contact with Vandermik she was located and flown to safety by the helicopter crew.

Vandermik and her dog were transported to a landing zone near her car and after assuring everyone she was not hurt she was allowed to return home. Vandermik prevented herself from being stranded overnight by taking her cell phone with her on her hike.

The taking of a phone into the backcountry is one preventative measure recommended by Search and Rescue officials that can help prevent possible tragedies.

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